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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Pierre SILLARD, Bruno DANY, Alain BERTAINA, Maxime  
GORLIER  
A CHROMATIC DISPERSION COMPENSATION MODULE  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref: Q77689

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 10/289,439 (Confirmation No. 9108) filed November 7, 2002 of Pierre SILLARD, Bruno DANY, Alain BERTAINA, Maxime GORLIER entitled A CHROMATIC DISPERSION COMPENSATION MODULE.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, 8 sheets of drawings, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), priority document (for 0305224), and Preliminary Amendment.

A copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form will be submitted at a later date, along with the certified copy of the priority document for USSN 10/289,439.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

This is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 10/289,439 filed November 7, 2002;

the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE  
CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>35</u>	-	20	=	<u>15</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$270.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>7</u>	-	3	=	<u>4</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$336.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$750.00</u>

<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<u><b>\$1356.00</b></u>
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1356.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

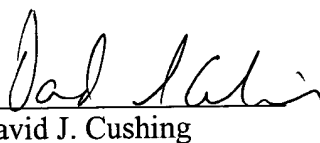
<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	0204271	April 5, 2002
France	0305224	April 29, 2003

The priority document for 0305224 is attached hereto. The priority document for 0204271 was submitted in parent application US 10/289,439.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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